

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants have submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced patent application. By the amendments and remarks provided herein, Applicants have addressed all outstanding issues presented in the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2005 (hereinafter, the "Action"), in which claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Pawlowski et al. (Pub. No. US20010037426).

Applicant believes that this response addresses the Examiner's rejection and that any changes do not introduce new matter into the specification, limit the scope of the claims or result in any prosecution history estoppel.

Current Status of Claims:

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 9, 16, and 23 have been amended.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1-29

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-29 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Pawlowski. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 16 and 23.

With regard to Claim 1, Applicants note that Pawlowski fails to disclose a bridge coupled to a data bus and thus fails to anticipate Claim 1 as amended. Similar arguments apply to Claims 9, 16 and 23.

In conclusion, Applicants assert that independent Claims 1, 9, 16 and 23, and respective associated dependant Claims 2-8, 10-15, 17-22, and 24-29 are not anticipated by Pawlowski and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of Claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

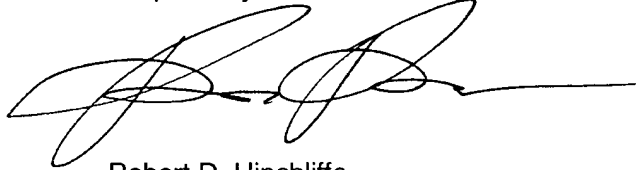
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance.

The required fee for a three month extension of time is enclosed. No additional fees are required for additional claims. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-6473. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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